



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 286: Urge Congress/Propose "Keep Nine" Amendment.

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OVERVIEW: *House Joint Resolution 286 would urge Congress to maintain the current number of justices on the U. S. Supreme Court.*

CURRENT LAW: The Judiciary Act of 1869 provides that the Supreme Court of the United States consists of the chief justice and eight associate justices.

BACKGROUND: Since 1869 there has been consistently nine justices appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The number of justices is not stated in the U.S. Constitution. It is determined by Congress. National news has discussed the possibility of Congress increasing the number of justices. New justices would be nominated by the President and then confirmed by the Senate.

BILL ANALYSIS: The resolution would urge Congress to maintain the current number of justices on the U.S. Supreme Court which is nine.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The resolution would be effective upon ratification.

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